Foreign visits by Prime Minister and other Ministers

1240. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the foreign countries visited by the United Front Government's Ministers including Prime Minister during the last six months till date;

(b) the number of bilateral agreements signed, country-wise, during the period indicating the field/sector of mutual interest and amount of economic aid given/ received by India, till date; and

(c) the number of Government officials and non-Government persons who accompanied the Ministers on each occasion and the total amount of expenditure incurred on above mentioned visits in rupees till date by Government during this period?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) t0 (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Training by Pakistan to Jammu & Kashmir Militants

1241. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the issue at the UN and countries individually that Pakistan running over 70 camps to impart training to Jammu & Kashmir militants;

(b) whether Government have lodged a protest with Government of Pakistan in this regad; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c) While Government have apprised the international community of Pakistan's support and promotion of cross border terrorism directed against India, Government do not envisage any role for the UN in issues related to Jammu & Kashmir. Government believe that all issues between India and Pakistan should be resolved bilaterally under the Simla Agreement.

Government have urged Pakistan to give up its support to terrorism and subversion. Government remain vigilant about activities detrimental to national security and take all measures to safeguard it.

Chemical Weapons Convention

1242. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chemical Weapons Convention will come into effect on April 29, 1997 if 65 member-States sign it by that date;

(b) the number of member-States that have signed it so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that China, Pakistan, USA, Russia and the Arab countries have not signed the convention;

(d) if so, the reasons for signing the CWC last September; and

(e) the action Government propose to take if China and Pakistan do not sign it by 29th April, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes Sir. THE CWC will enter into force on 29th April, 1997 in accordance with article XXI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CW C) which states that "the Convention shall enter into force 180 days after the date of the deposit of the 65th instrument of ratification". Hungary was the 65th country to deposit its instrument of ratification on 31st October 1996.

(b) 161 countries have signed the Convention and of these, 68 countries have ratified and deposited their instrument of ratification.

(c) USA, China, Pakistan & Russia have signed the CWC but are yet to